



Policy: 1170
Chapter: Internal Communications
Rule: Firearms

Effective: 10/03/05
Replaces: 1170
Dated: 09/24/04

A.R.S.	Federal Law	A.A.C
A.R.S. §13-3112, 41-2804, 41-1822	Title 18, H.R. 218	

The Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC) recognizes conditions under which designated ADJC Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AZ-POST) Sworn Certified Investigations and Inspections Unit Special Investigators, retired officers, and designated trained and approved Parole Officers may carry firearms. This shall be done under strict guidelines established by the Director.

Michael D. Branham, Director

Procedure Index:

1170.01	Firearms Qualifications and Training for Sworn Certified Special Investigators
1170.02	Firearms Qualifications and Training for Specified Parole Officers
1170.03	Firearms General Provisions

Form Index

Definitions:

1. **Certified firearms instructor:** An individual trained in accordance with national law enforcement firearms training standards and approved by the ADJC Director.
2. **Firearms automated training system:** A system which visually presents situations the officer may encounter in the officer's duties and requires the officer to make use-of-force decisions relating to the use of a firearm.
3. **Immediate threat:** The subject poses a risk of instant harm or attack with the elements of jeopardy, opportunity, and ability.
4. **Life-threatening circumstances:** Actions which may cause serious bodily injury or death.
5. **Low light condition:** Firearms training conducted in situations either natural or simulated, designed to expose officers to situations they may encounter while working at night or in reduced light situations.

6. **On duty:** The time period during which the officer is involved in performing the officer's respective duties or functioning at the direction of the officer's respective Department.
7. **Off duty:** The time period during which the officer is not involved in performing the officer's respective duties or functioning at the direction of the officer's respective Department.
8. **Officer:** Sworn, Certified Investigations and Inspections Unit Special Investigators, and those honorably retired from certified sworn status.
9. **Parole Officer:** Designated Parole Officer authorized to carry a weapon (for this policy and accompanying procedures only).
10. **Tactical Condition:** A training which involves the officer's appropriate use of a firearm in training involving the use of distance, shielding, and movement, and other issues the officer may encounter during the course of duty.
11. **Authorized Personnel:** A sworn, certified (Special Investigator) trained by Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AZ-POST) meeting AZ-POST training requirements with all firearms they are authorized to carry during the performance of their duties. Also, Parole Officers certified by an ADJC certified firearms instructor and the Director to carry a firearm during the performance of their duties.
12. **Honorably Retired Officers:** A retired sworn, certified Special Investigator in good standing as documented by the Director who was trained and certified by Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AZ-POST) meeting AZ-POST training requirements with all firearms they were authorized to carry during the performance of their duties.
13. **Defensive Purposes (drawing a weapon for):** The officer reasonably believes that:
 - a) it is necessary to defend him/herself or a third person from what the officer reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly physical force;
 - b) to effect an arrest of a person whom the officer reasonably believes:
 - i. Has committed, attempted to commit, is committing or is attempting to commit a felony involving the use or threatened use of a deadly weapon;
 - ii. Is attempting to escape by use of a deadly weapon; or
 - iii. Through past or present conduct of the person which is known by the officer that the person is likely to endanger human life or inflict serious bodily injury to another unless apprehended without delay.